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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 05 March 2007.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 11-34 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 21-34 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 11-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Specification

[01] Objections to the specification are withdrawn.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

[02] The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

[03] Claims 11-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being anticipated by Gross (2004/0253304) in view of Iddan (2003/0214580).

[04] With regard to claim 11: Gross discloses an ingestible imaging device comprising:

[04a] an imaging device ("camera 242," [0473]) having a housing ("sheath 34," [0352]); and

[04b] a detachable appendage ("water-soluble plug 29," [0364]), wherein the housing and the detachable appendage form a capsule shape (see Figure 14A) when joined together.

[05] Gross does not disclose that the housing is substantially spherical. Iddan discloses a capsule endoscope which "may have a body shaped as for example a capsule or elongated member... Other suitable shapes and sizes, such as spherical, ellipsoid, etc., may be used, depending on the application" ([0022]). At the time of the invention, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art to construct the sheath of Gross in whatever shape is efficacious. Iddan shows that a sphere is known to a skilled artisan.

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- [06] With regard to claims 12-13: As noted in the previous Office action, Gross discloses an illumination source and a transmitter. The illumination source has intensity that is adjustable in vivo.
- [07] With regard to claim 14: Gross inherently discloses a ballast weight.
- [08] With regard to claims 15-16: The "water-soluble plug 29" disclosed by Gross is inherently a degradable material that is pH sensitive.
- [09] With regard to claims 17-20: The "water-soluble plug 29" anticipates dissolvable glue. It inherently comprises an outer coating and an internal filling. It is dissolvable, as noted above, and thus is inherently semi-permeable.

Response to Arguments

- [10] Applicant's arguments filed 3/5/2007 have been fully considered but they are moot in view of the new grounds of rejection.


Conclusion

- [11] **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).
- [12] A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be

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calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

- [13] Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Philip R. Smith whose telephone number is (571) 272 6087 and whose email address is philip.smith@uspto.gov. The examiner can normally be reached between 9:00am and 5:00pm.
- [14] If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Linda Dvorak can be reached on (571) 272 4764.
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